

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph added to page 1, line 1, as follows:

-- This Application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/884,514, filed on June 19, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,660,272, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/161,092, filed on September 25, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,391,314, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/082,558, filed on May 21, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,368,601, which claims priority from French application Serial Nos. 97/12382, filed on October 3, 1997; 98/00873, filed on January 22, 1998 and 98/03707, filed on March 20, 1998. --